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Requesting Appraisals without the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) Determination

1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this Circular is to announce the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) no longer will allow appraisals to be requested through WebLGY prior to ordering a COE.

2. <u>Background</u>. In general, a COE is required for proof of eligibility. It is extremely important to ensure Veterans are eligible for the benefit before ordering the appraisal.

3. <u>Action</u>. As of the date of this Circular, all Lender Appraisal Processing Program (LAPP) and all Individual (IND) cases must have a COE in the "Active or Pending" status before the appraisal can be requested. On a case-by-case basis, Loan Guaranty Service, or the VA Regional Loan Center of jurisdiction can authorize a waiver to allow appraisals to be requested through the appraisal system (WebLGY).

4. <u>Questions</u>. All inquiries should be sent to <u>colenders@vba.va.gov</u>.

5. <u>Rescission</u>: This Circular is rescinded July 1, 2021.

By Direction of the Under Secretary for Benefits

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